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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1885 (NOTAL)

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR TOLD PRESS
AUGUST 18 THAT HE WILL VISIT CURACAO, ARUBA AND BONAIRE
FROM AUGUST 21 TO AUGUST 25 IN ORDER TO "INITIATE CONVERSATIONS
CONCERNING THE DELIMITATION OF MARINE AND SUBMARINE AREAS."
NO FURTHER PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF THE VISIT HAS BEEN GIVEN.

2. A MEMBER OF ESCOVAR'S PERSONAL STAFF HAS TOLD US THAT HIS TRIP
IS "A KIND OF GOOD WILL MISSION." END UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT: THE ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS INTERESTING IN VIEW
OF ERIC WILLIAMS' SCHEME FOR THE OCTOBER 27 MEETING ON THE
CARIBBEAN LOS (REFTEL). EXCLUSION FROM THAT OCCASION WOULD
SEVERELY RANKLE THE GOV AND IT IS NOT ENTIRELY IMPROBABLE THAT
ESCOVAR IS MOUNTING A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE. AT THE SAME TIME,
WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT VENEZUELA MAY NEED GENERALLY TO
REPAIR ITS IMAGE IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES--AN IMAGE
PERHAPS SOMEWHAT TARNISHED BY THE RECENT CIVIL AIR DISPUTES
AND OFF-HAND COMMENTS HERE ABOUT FUTURE VENEZUELAN PARTICIPATION
IN THE ANTILLIAN REFINERIES.
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